Yam Suph, Yam Siph and Yam Soph

: a tasty red sea yam and reed souflé.

Introduction:

Those intellectual gourmets who have experienced the delights of an Egyptian *bull-rush and spinach minestrone* plated with a papyrus accompaniment will relish this brand new recipe.

“Surely you must be joking, Mr Feynman”. Not so.

If the Reader is as fed up with intellectual fraud and cherry-picking as is the Author then his/her mind might be relieved by the following offering.

An apostasy within the Worldwide Church of God in recent times was first noticed at a congregational level – vs. HQ Pasadena level – with the return of Ministers, from a refreshing program at HQ, stumbling when giving their report of events at the session. Particularly notable, at the time, was the sight of a minister whose faith had been destroyed by a teaching at the programme which stated that the Red Sea of Septuagint fame was really the Reed Sea – based on a vowel in the Masoretic(?) scriptural text.

Clearly, a superficial read of the context says otherwise. Yet this teaching persists. Witness Wikipedia: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yam_Suph accessed, 11:07 AM AEST, 18/09/2022.

Why? And actually what is the truth of the matter?

Data/Fact Base:

From the above Wiki: “In the Exodus narrative, Hebrew: יַם-סוּף, romanized: *Yam-Sūp̄*, lit. 'Reed Sea') is the body of water which the Israelites crossed following their exodus from Egypt”

From www.thetorah.com specifically:

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1 From p.327 of Vol. #1 “The Schocken Bible” commentary on vs. 18 **Sea of Reeds** : Not “Red Sea,” which came from an ancient translation. It has more recently been suggested that the term (Heb. *Suf) c*an be read “End *[sof]* Sea,” that is, the Sea at the End of the World. This mythological designation is attractive, given the cosmically portrayed events of the next chapter, but is not provable. The exact location, in any event, has not been established with certainty. Go to endnote diagram to see the exact location as determined by Wyatt Archaeological Research.

Deuteronomy describes the Israelites camped opposite Suph in the Transjordan. However, the Israelites cross a Yam Suph near Egypt. Moreover, King Solomon builds a fleet of ships on Yam Suph near Eilat. Where is Yam Suph?

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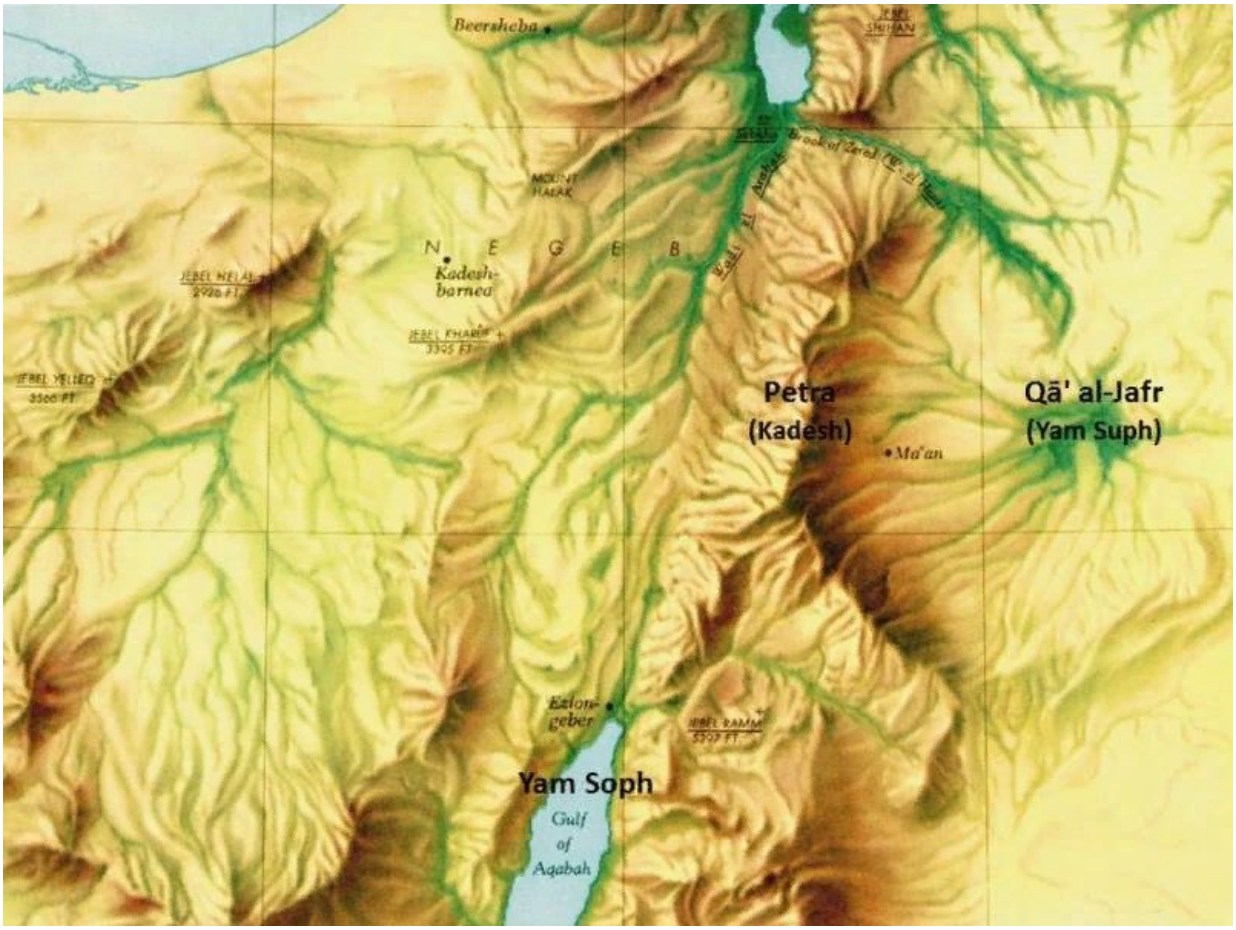
Yam Suph in Egypt



One of the first references in the Torah to Yam Suph, literally, “the Lake of Rushes”[1] is when the Israelites are leaving Egypt:

שמות יג:יח וַיַּסֵּב אֱלֹהִים אֶת הָעָם דֶּרֶךְ הַמִּדְבָּר יַם סוּף

Exod 13:18 So God led the people roundabout, by way of the wilderness at Yam Suph……...

ClearingUp-Times (CUT) recommends the Reader complete reading Dr. David Ben-Gad HaCohen's article at www.thetorah.com. In our opinion, it is both an excellent piece of research and a definitive statement.

Two matters remain as far as CUT is involved.

One, Dr Herman L. Hoeh, in a "The Good News" International Magazine of THE CHURCH OF GOD VOL. XI, NUMBER 7, JULY, 1962 set out the case for Petra as Kadesh as opposed the narrative about Kadesh-barnea *[toponym?]*. "This clearly proves that the Eternal was leading the children of Israel into the Arabah from Kadesh both times — the first time southward by the Red Sea Road into the wilderness; the second time by the same Red Sea Road northward to compass the land of Edom (Num. 21:4). This road is called the "Arabah Road' in Deut. 2:8, because it ran the length of the Arabah, north and south of *Petra*. Note the date of publication of this article. See whole article at www.hwalibrary.com.

Two, Ron Wyatt set out an excellent set of way maps for the route of the Exodus. However, Mary-Nell Wyatt for a while continued to advance the Yam Siph notion *ie* the wind blowing from the East off the Arabian mainland called the Siph. This wind hits the 'sea' at Aqaba. Though Ron has not totally based his identification of the Septuagint Red Sea on this connection but rather similarly (though not exactly) as Dr Cohen.

Discussion:

Unfortunately I am not able to reason from where many people are in their understanding to where they should be – as Dr Cohen sets out. The amount of mis-teaching – in the sense of narrativising – that exists in society is so overwhelming that I would suggest we live in the original truth of Alvin Toffler's "Future Shock". Though this is not to say the only way out is twenty-five years of hard personal research nevertheless to go from a post-Gospel (silly expression) to a non-evangelical cool analysis takes stepping out and all its attendant risks and ultimate bearing of a cross and following Christ.

I am aware of the frustration of people who want a presentation that unfortunately would contain certain abbreviations of the facts – mostly to simplify and allow them to get an academic handle on this material. Perhaps while he lived my father-in-law Ray J. Cohen could have helped me in this endeavour to simplify but I have come to this understanding too late.

The truth is the Red Sea of Septuagint infamy is the Gulf of Aqaba. St. Catherine's Monastery is bunkum. Helena and Constantine were affected in their efforts and produced no real fruits. The pre-Suez canal and nearby lakes story is an easy concoction to swallow, etc.

Conclusion:

Obviously, too soon old, too late smart. When I quote Wikipedia I have in the past assumed a caveat "Buyer beware". In future I will refer to Wikis with a qualifying note.

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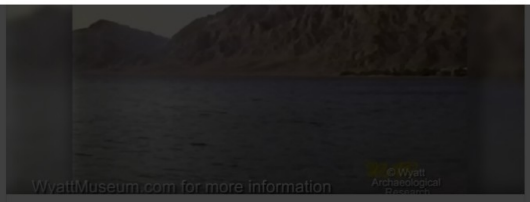

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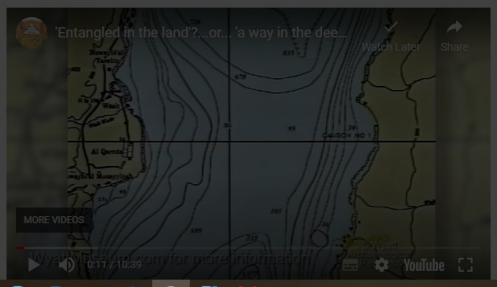

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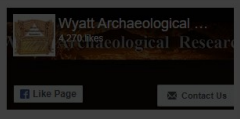

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